Recovery of Taxes

2693. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central excise duty, customs duty, corporation tax and income tax recovered during the last nine months, separately;

(b) the respective targets fixed for this specific period;

(c) whether the targets have been achieved;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the special efforts proposed to be made to make up the recovery during the remaining period of the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The amount collected from February to October, 1991 is as under:–

(Rs. in crores)

Customs duties	*Excise duties*	*Income Tax*	*Corporation Tax*
15112.68	19973.38	4271	4437

(b) to (d). The targets for revenue collection are fixed financial year–wise. Therefore, the question of fixing any targets for the aforesaid period of nine months and achievement thereof does not arise.

(e) All possible measures are taken from time to time to maximise the revenue collections.

Purchase of Guns

2694. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to purchase more Bofors and Howitzer guns;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c). It would not be in the national security interest to disclose details of likely procurement plans.

Discontinuing of Issue of Bonds by Customs Authorities for Storage of Imported Consignment

2695. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to discontinue the system of issuing bonds for storage of imported consignments with customs; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Revamping of Export Oriented Units and Export Processing Zones

2696. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: